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Fined for Shipping 4
Illegal Beaver Skins

Because Federal law-enforcement agents of the Bureau of Biological Survey make it their business to detect violations of State as well as Federal game laws, a resident of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and a representative of a fur shop in Allentown appeared in a State court recently and paid fines of \$100 and \$50 respectively.

F. R. Hoke, of Catasauqua, was charged with illegal possession of beaver pelts, and the Gessin Fur Shop, of Allentown, was fined for shipping these skins to New York.

Reporting the cases to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Biological Survey officials explained that it is customary for United States game management agents and State wardens to cooperate in spotting Federal and State game-law violations.

The illegal shipment was first suspected by a Biological Survey agent while making inspections in New York. Noting the arrival of beaver pelts from the Keystone State, he relayed the information to a United States game agent in Pennsylvania who learned the identity of the original seller. A State violation being involved, the agent turned the information over to the Pennsylvania game officials.

The Bureau declared that the case gave further proof that it is difficult for those who violate wildlife laws to dispose of their illegal catches without being apprehended. It stated that the close cooperation between the Federal Government and State game commissions reduces the number of unprosecuted game-law violators to a minimum.

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